

Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 2007

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of June 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Helton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting on April 26, 2007, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Miss Sassy Bogart, Miss Walton County and Miss Christina Copeland, Miss Freeport thanked the council for the job they were doing and had pictures taken with the Mayor and council.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

- Attended Growth Management workshop in Orlando and met new employees of Department of Community Affairs
- EAR progress - Scope of work items being addressed
- Large Scale Amendment package should be completed at the end of June

Attorney Adkinson presented the following legal issues:

Requested 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance establishing the regulation of parking for disabled persons and establishing penalties for violations. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #07-09 was adopted.

Requested 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance establishing no parking areas, including all right of ways but not limited to sidewalks and bike paths, and establishing a penalty for violation. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #07-10 was adopted.

Mr. Charles Peters updated council on the following items:

Mallard Creek sewer, CDBG project bids were opened on May 30, 2007. The City received ten bids as listed:

	Base bid-gravity sewer	Alternate bid-low pressure sewer
Thurman Construction	\$650,323.75	\$390,653.00
Utility Solutions Group	\$741,542.50	\$418,780.00
Tindle Enterprises	\$748,255.00	\$472,295.00
Aero Training & Rental	\$799,224.00	\$499,857.00
Gulf Coast Utility	\$826,547.50	\$550,185.00
Royal American Const.	\$839,793.92	\$608,992.47
Southeastern Underground	\$885,550.00	\$499,860.00
Construction Service Co.	\$943,242.50	\$555,495.00
I-C Contractors, Inc.	\$1,040,089.16	\$445,313.26
BCL Civil Contractors	\$1,056,814.00	\$553,551.00

Mr. Peters mentioned that while the low alternate bid was within the CDBG budget amount and the base bid of gravity sewer was above budget, the gravity sewer is the preferred method. Developers are required to put in the gravity sewer whenever applicable. Councilman Jackson motioned to construct with gravity sewer,

Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve adopting resolution #07-05 tentative notice of award to the low bidder, Thurman Construction for \$650,323.75, subject to CDBG approval, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Peters updated council on the following items:

- Lift station on 3280 being constructed
- Meeting with Regional Utilities on June 19 regarding the Four Mile Creek crossing
- Master lift station construction should be completed in a couple weeks
- Re-use system- with elevated storage tank and controls-final plans completed by the end of the month
- Highway 331 force main – have contacted Mr. Bryce with the Verandas regarding a possible lift station site

Old Business:

Mayor Marse requested approval to use the remaining funds in the Bay Area sewer project for a sewer line extension from Sunset Road to the end of the line currently at Dayco. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the line extension as requested, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse commented that many developments that have been approved by the council have not made any progress and some of them are not keeping the properties up. He requested council consider placing a time limit on the time a project becomes approved and the time the development order is issued. After discussion between council, Ms. Henninger and Mr. Adkinson regarding possible time restrictions, Ms. Henninger was instructed to prepare a resolution establishing a limit of one year from council approval to development order issue. Mayor Marse will issue a letter to the developers to get the properties cleaned up. If the City receives no response, they will be turned over to code enforcement.

Clerk Haynes informed council that the temporary job position for the Planner's office had expired and requested that it be extended. Councilman Helton motioned to approve extending the temporary position in the Planning department during the summer, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mayor Marse requested approval to purchase a service truck for the sewer department to assist in the transport of the new vacuum pump. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the purchase as requested, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tommy Brown was listed on the agenda with a development complaint, but did not attend. Mayor Marse informed the council of some of the issues Mr. Brown, as property owner adjacent to the Palms of Freeport, had including trash being thrown outside the work area and water drainage problems. Mr. Nick Gullo, representing the Palms, informed council that he has gone to the site and instructed the workers to get it cleaned up. He apologized for the inconvenience. Councilman Simmons mentioned that he had been to the site and noticed that the water was draining from the property as it was designed to.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Simmons updated the council on the traffic concurrency meetings between himself, Commissioner Meadows, Walton County engineering department and Peters Municipal Associates.

Clerk Haynes informed the council that information had been given to her regarding the City purchasing surplus property for the purpose of affordable housing. Due to

the lack of information available, council instructed her to bring the item back at a later time.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council